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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2000-054

Dear Mr. Bakken:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if an electrical engineer was the subject of discrimination at the D. C. Cook Plant for raising safety concerns. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate that the electrical engineer was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns. The synopsis from the OI report of investigation is enclosed.

Normally, based on our evaluation, we would consider this matter closed. However, because the concerned individual in this case has a complaint pending with the Department of Labor (DOL) we will review the results of the DOL proceeding to determine if additional NRC action is warranted.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact James Heller or Andrea Kock of the NRC Region III staff at telephone numbers 1-800-522-3025 or (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

/RA/ Roy J. Caniano for

John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-254; 50-265
License Nos. DPR-29; DPR-30

Enclosure: OI Synopsis

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** for permission to release the OI synopsis

OI SYNOPSIS (3-2000-054)

This investigation was initiated on December 18, 2000, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine if an electrical engineer was discriminated against in violation of 10 CFR 50.7 at American Electric Power Company (AEP) for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed, the investigation did not substantiate the allegation that an electrical engineer was discriminated against in violation of 10 CFR 50.7 at AEP for raising safety concerns.